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CONTRIBUTION REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Govt. has decided to set-up a Contribution Regulatory Authority (CRA) to monitor foreign funds or items collected in kind from foreign orgnizations and individuals residing abroad;

(b) if so, the complete details thereof;

(c) whether in the past funds or items received for distribution in natural calamities and war like situations have not reached beneficiaries; and

(d) if so, to what extent the CRA will be benefited and helpful in collecting and distributing cash and items?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO V. ADSUL)

(a) to (d): There is no such proposal. Under the provision of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, an association having a definite cultural, economic, educational, religious or social programme can accept foreign contribution after it registers itself with the Central Govt. or obtains its prior permission to accept foreign contribution. An organization of political nature, not being a political party, notified as such by the Central Govt. cannot accept foreign contribution except with the prior permission of the Central Govt. Reports about the mis-utilisation of foreign contribution by voluntary associations, whenever received are enquired into and action taken against the concerned associations under the relevant provisions of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act, 1976.